

- 1. REGARDING JOSEPH RAYMOND II E R O L A (201-257804).
 U.S. CITIEZEN, SUBJECT PARA I REF, PLEASE INFORM, DEA THE FOLLOWING:
 JOSEPH RAYMOND MEROLA, AN OCCASIONAL CONTACT OF OUR OVERT OFFICE IN
 MIANI SINCE 1961, PERIODICALLY PROVIDES THAT OFFICE WITH FOREGIGN
- POSITIVE INTELLIGENACE INFORMATION. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE FBI BE CONTACTED FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. Y
- 2. DEA HOS INFORMED BKHERALD JUNE 74 THAT MEROLA WAS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST. THEY REQUESTED TRACES AND STATED HE REPORTEDLY WORKED FOR BKHERALD IN LATE 1950'S. WE REPLIED THAT MR. MEROLA HAD NEVER WORKED FOR BKHERALD, ALTHOBUGH WE WERE AWARE THAT HE HAD MADE SUCH CLAIMS ON NUMBER OF PREVIOUS INSTANCES. Y
- 3. HGS RELAYING FOR STATION USE ONLY WH/MIAMI 20664. 11 JAN 74 AND DIRECTOR 502254, 17 JAN 74. WHICH REPORTS DEROGATORY INFORMATION ON MEROLA. Y
- 4. MEROLA BEING PROCESSED INTO THE ISR AS DEA SOURCE. WILL
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- 7. FYI ONLY: POA GRANTED LE FOR SUGJECT'S USE IN FM BOAT

 OPERATIONS; HOWEVER POA CANCELLED WHEN HE CLAIMED HE UNABLE

 SATISFACTORILY TREAT HIS SEASICKNESS. IN L4, SUBJECT INTERVIEWED BY

 FBI IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA RE GROUP OF CUBANS IN MIAMI INVOLVED

 IN DROUG OPERATIONS. SUBJECT REVEALED HIS BKHERALD CONNECTIONS TO

 FBI. Y
 - 8. FILE: 200-11-11/19: 201-740127: 201-257804. EZ IMPDET.A

*REQUESTED FRIORITY TRACES ON MEROLA AND BATISTA, DEA SOURCES AND REGISTER IN ISR.

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